

Snow Removal and Road Conditions

VDOT Road Conditions

- * Northern Virginia 511 Road Information – <http://511virginia.org>
- * Winter Travel Information - www.virginiadot.org/travel/snow.asp
- * Road/Driving Safety Tips - www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/prepare/winter/road-safety.htm

VDOT Road Snow Removal

The Virginia Department of Transportation is responsible for plowing the public roads including interstate, primary, secondary and residential roads in Fairfax County. Clearing is done on a priority basis, with interstates and high volume roads cleared first.

Call VDOT's Customer Service Center at 1-800-FOR-ROAD (1-800-367-7623) (TTY 711) 24 hours a day to:

- * Report all unsafe and hazardous road conditions
- * Report work requests for state-maintained roads
- * Other VDOT questions

Fairfax County Road Snow Removal

Fairfax County does not clear public roads of snow unless there is a blue sign that reads, "Fairfax County Maintained Here to XXX feet." If VDOT or the county are not responsible, it is the homeowner's association or the developer's/builder's responsibility to clear roads in neighborhoods.

What if my street is in a townhouse or condominium complex?

If a street in a townhouse or condominium complex is not posted with a state route number, it is a private street that is the responsibility of the homeowner/condominium association to plow. Please contact your association or property manager for further information.

What about my pipe stem driveway?

Pipe stem driveways are privately owned and maintained by the property owners on the pipe stem. Snow removal is the property owners' responsibility.

What if my street is in a new development or a development still under construction?

If a state route number is not posted on the new street, then most likely it is either a privately maintained street, or a future public road, secured through a development agreement and security that is held by Fairfax County, commonly referred to as being "under bond." In this case, the developer of the project is responsible for maintaining all aspects of the project until final bond release occurs, including street maintenance, snow removal and maintenance of storm water facilities. For information regarding snow and ice removal on a street or within a subdivision under bond, contact the Environmental and Facilities Inspections Division at 703-324-1950, TTY 711.

Who is responsible for clearing snow from the sidewalks in my neighborhood?

Neither the state nor the county clears snow and ice from public walkways (sidewalks and trails). While not legally obligated, residents and businesses are asked to help keep sidewalks safe. They should, as soon as feasible, clear snow off the sidewalks in front of their property so that all pedestrians, especially school children, those with disabilities and the elderly, may walk securely. Homeowner associations may require members of their communities to clear walkways abutting their property. Please contact your association or property manager for further information.

Where do I call about snow plowed into an accessible parking space?

For accessible spaces at non-county facilities, contact the Office of Human Rights and Equity Programs, Equity Programs Division at 703-324-2207, TTY 711.

Storm Drains

Keep the openings of storm drains clear of snow and debris to help alleviate potential flooding and to protect the environment. Simple steps include:

- * Remove snow and debris, such as leaves, grass clippings and trash from the outside openings of storm drains.
- * Avoid piling snow in front of a storm drain.
- * Avoid blowing leaves and cut grass into the street, which may travel to a storm drain in rain and melted snow.

If a storm drain opening is blocked, residents can remove the debris from the outside opening. At no time, however, should a resident attempt to enter a storm drain to remove debris.

To report a blocked storm drain, call Fairfax County Stormwater Management, 703-877-2800, TTY 711, or the Virginia Department of Transportation at 703-383-8368, TTY 711.

Property owners, however, are responsible for driveway culverts and bridges that are part of the driveway structure and are not public storm drainage system structures. Storm drains outside rights-of-way and easements are privately maintained by the property owner.